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*Edith Shek***AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2003**

Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified patent application as follows. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text.

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.****Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.**